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TURKEY: A recently discovered connection between a foreign ministry official and a Communist terrorist will create new strains on the civilian government and increase pressure within the military for a direct take-over.

The fugitive leader of the Maoist revolutionary organization, SAFAK, was arrested on 24 May in the home of a junior official in the foreign ministry where the terrorist had been hiding. The fugitive had been on the martial law wanted list for over a year, and security officials assumed that he had left the country. The official who had sheltered the fugitive and two other foreign ministry officials were arrested, but it apparently has not been established that the latter two knew the fugitive was there.

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Foreign Minister Bayulken's position in the cabinet could be jeopardized as a result of the arrests, which followed an anonymous tip. Criticism of the foreign ministry is already widespread within government circles because of its alleged disproportionate influence. This is the first indication of Communist infiltration in the civilian bureaucracy, although numerous junior officers have been dismissed from the armed forces in recent months for leftist connections.

This incident will fan dissatisfaction among the members of the officer corps, which contains elements who favor increased military control.

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T-62 Medium Tank

Photograph of model



First observed	1961
Main armament	115mm smoothbore gun
Weight	40.2 tons
Speed	30 mph
Cruising range	216 miles
Crew	4

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NOTES

EGYPT-USSR: Egypt reportedly received at least ten T-62 tanks from the USSR earlier this year. The T-62 is a more advanced tank and carries a more powerful gun than the T-55 that now makes up the main force of Egypt's armor corps. T-62s would improve Egypt's capabilities against any tank in the Israeli inventory, including the US M-60. Heretofore, the Soviets have not given the T-62 tank to any country outside the Warsaw Pact. Egypt probably will receive only a limited number of T-62s in the near future, but even a few will help demonstrate to Sadat Moscow's willingness to supply the Egyptians with more modern weapons.

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